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# Trinity Messenger August, 2018

From the Pastor's Study—August 2018

Rev. C. Richards

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We live in a culture and a time that is for the most part, anti-human. Our work, our leisure, the majority of messages we receive about how to do those things are usually anti-human. When I say anti-human I mean that they are designed to benefit those who sell the messages or who sell the expectations rather than those humans who will participate in or use them. This trend has been accelerating since the industrial revolution. Manufacturer's aren't interested in the rights of their human workers, they are interested in the efficiency of their overall process. Corporations exist not for the good of the community or world, they exist to benefit shareholder's. And these industrial and corporate ideals have permeated almost every major human institution and ideal in the last century.

Work used to be the things we do to live. When tasks were completed, then the work was done. Afterwards, one might rest or be entertained. Nowadays, work isn't task based, it is time based. Work is never completed. And with the advent of always on internet and communication, work is only ever a cell phone message or email or text away.

Success in life used to be achieving some modicum of contentment in life that allowed one to live, love, and serve the neighbor. Nowadays success is only to be found in ever expanding margins of income and acquisition. Get more, and get it when you want it. Provide *every opportunity* for children and loved ones. Contentment is instead seen as settling for one's situation rather than "achieving one's dreams". And by the way, many companies will tell you what your dreams should be, and how to get there, especially using their strategies and products – be it a larger home, a faster car, a better fashion, or a more comfortable retirement.

In the summer, I often hear from you that the time is going so quickly. Many of you have so many visits and plans, so many activities and things to do while the summer is here. Potato salad and Bug spray and swimming bags and extra gas for the cabin lawn mower or the boat. Little league and Babe Ruth and softball and fishing and all the rest. It is good to enjoy life. It is good to spend time together. It is good to enjoy summer. But I wonder. Does the always on, always moving, never content, efficiency and activity instead of stillness and humanity message of our society get in the way of being human?

Listen to the Prophet Isaiah passing on God's word to Israel in Isaiah 43:

Don't be afraid I've redeemed you.

I've called your name. You're mine.

When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you. When you're in rough waters, you will not go down. When you're between a rock and a hard place, it won't be a dead end -

Because I am God, your personal God,

The Holy of Israel, your Savior

I paid a huge price for you:

all of Egypt, with rich Cush and Seba thrown in!

That's how much you mean to me!

That's how much I love you!

I'd sell off the whole world to get you back,  
trade the creation just for you.

God loves us. God became human. God intends good for us. God's love for us means that we can be human. We can be flawed and imperfect. We can get tired and rest. We can be still and reflect. Jesus encouraged his disciples to do all these things. The Psalms remind us – The Lord is my shepherd - I shall not want. Or, in modern English, *therefore I shall always be provided for and taken care of. "I shall want for no thing."* God loves humanity. Where is there *in-humanity* in your life? How might you find stillness and contentment in the love of God? The good news of the gospel is that because Jesus became human and died for us, we are provided for and loved eternally. Can you find contentment there? Peace - PrCR

## **Should Trinity buy the Cyrus Café and use it as a mission and outreach to our community?**

We would like to hear from you on this subject! Is it possible for us here at Trinity to purchase, manage and operate the Café building in a way that would not only be meaningful to the community but also to our Lord? By that I mean utilize it in a way that **all** that sees its use know that it is for the glory of the Lord and his teachings and no matter what faith or belief all are welcome.

Financing possibilities have been explored.

Operational funding has been talked about.

Great interest from those already approached.

We would like your input! Jean Anderson, who presently owns the café, wants to sell as she is moving to be closer to family. There will be an informal meeting following church on August 5<sup>th</sup> during lunch for all interested. For those of you who can't make the meeting we would still like to hear your opinion on this. Send your thoughts and opinions via email to [tlccyrus@runestone.net](mailto:tlccyrus@runestone.net) your emails will be read at this meeting and given consideration.

Yours in Christ, SE

Thank you so much for your very generous donation to RUSC Kinship Mentoring.  
Thank you for your support! You are able to provide mentoring opportunities to 20 matches :)  
Erin Koehntop, Executive Director



Trinity Lutheran Church of Cyrus,  
Thank you very much for your generous donation of \$600.00 to Someplace Safe.  
Sincerely,  
Crime Victim Advocate Donna Ortendahl Pope County

The Stevens County DAC would like to thank the Trinity Lutheran Church of Cyrus for the kind donation of \$100.00. Thank you for your continued support of the developmentally disabled. John Luetwer

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church of Cyrus,  
Thank you so much for your generous monetary donation to Someplace Safe! It was a great boost to the week to open your donation when checking the mail. Donors and donations like these help us continue to provide services to victims of crime and meet them where they are at with what they need. We couldn't do it without you. On behalf of those I serve thank you very much! Rachel Peterson Crime Victim Advocate Stevens County

I want to thank you for your Mission Fest donation. It will buy a lot of God's word to go out and achieve his purpose. Thank you Wayne C. Wood, Treasurer The Gideons International

Dear Friends,  
We recently received your gift of \$500.00 to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you! I'd like to share with you one way your support is making a big difference.

In Mosul, Iraq, the fighting may have stopped, but the scars of war remain—especially for the children. Eight year old Zahraa saw her home destroyed and her sister killed during the violence. But the compassion of people like you has helped her.

Your gifts fund the "I am Safe" community center in West Mosul, where Zahraa and other children come to get help with their trauma. The first time she visited the center, she was asked to color and drew pictures of death and destruction. With the help of supportive staff and programs designed to help her, now Zahraa is coloring scenes depicting life: birds and flowers, and sunshine. Her mother says she plays and smiles more now as well.

This is just one example of how your support alleviates suffering around the world. Please keep in touch so we can show you more of how you are making a difference. Be sure to visit our website, [lwr.org](http://lwr.org), for stories and updates. If you have questions, please reach out to us at 800-597-65971 or [lwr@lwr.org](mailto:lwr@lwr.org).

On behalf of LWR, our partners and those we serve, please accept my thanks for your generous support and partnership. May God bless you!

Warm Regards, Daniel V. Speckhard, President and CEO

We appreciate your donation of \$600.00 in support of 2018 ride. Thank you for your generosity. The staff and volunteers of Riding for a Cause and Glacial Ridge Hospice.

Thank You! This gift will change lives. Dear Pastor Chris Richards and member of Trinity Lutheran Church, What a blessing it was to receive your gift in the mail! Thank you so much for your check in the amount of \$500.00 received on 6/28/2018 designated for Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota.

Thank you again for your important contribution. Your gift will provide new life and hope to the 1 in 65 Minnesotans who utilize the services of LSS of MN each year. Many blessings, Pastor Kathryn A. Tiede

Thank you for your donation of \$600.00 Received on 7-2-2018.

Dear Friend,

As we began this spring we were feeling a little overwhelmed. We have been short-staffed for months and had several unexpected situations arise that left us feeling a bit disheartened. The Lord encourages us not to grow weary in well doing, but sometimes that is easier said than done. We are also told to endure and pray. Sometimes in the middle of all that is going on around us we forget that God is still in control and has not forgotten us. We have been praying for a new Kitchen Manager for several months and the Lord has answered our prayers. David Hegstad is now on staff and being trained in on managing the kitchen. David worked with us about 6 years ago and we are glad to have him back!



As you know summer is almost here and that means, Summer Kid's Club. We have been blessed with a great group of teachers who are eager to share the Gospel with the kids. While summer is a great time of ministry and fun, it is also a time of financial strain. We are slowly using up our financial reserves. We just met with our financial advisor and he informed us that if there isn't an increase in our donations we have 3, maybe 4 years left before it is all used up. This is hard to hear and it makes it even worse as we face incremental increases in minimum wage.

As stated before, God is in control. We are praying for the Lord to make a way. Please pray with us for god's provision over this ministry. Leaning on the Lord,

Kristen Hink, Director Laurie Whitmore, Assistant Director  
Marie Sandvik Center, Inc

Dear Friends,

Thank you for helping the hands that heal, with your generosity! On a recent visit to Madagascar I met one young leader whose life has been deeply shaped through gifts of support and prayers like yours.

Josia wanted to be a midwife. Her dream seemed impossible because she had no money for studies. But she dared to apply for a scholarship to the only Lutheran nursing school in Madagascar (Supported by GHM). We granted her a scholarship and she began her studies. Eventually Josia switched her major and graduated as a certified laboratory technician.

Life in the dessert was not her dream. Yet today, she serves as the lead lab technician in a location suffering from three years of persistent drought. This is more than a job, for Josia this is a call from God. At Ejeda Hospital, holding her baby daughter in her arms, Josia is part of the next generation if leadership...holding hope for the future in Ejeda.

From scholarships for future leaders like Josia, to renovating mission hospitals like Ejeda Hospital, your support of Global Health Ministries makes it all possible in 13 countries. Thank you for your gifts that are truly changing lives.

Together in Christ,  
Pastor Doug Cox  
GHM Executive Director

Gift Amount \$3,171.00  
Designated for: TZ:ALMC Operations

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$500.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response. As the long green season of Pentecost brings images of seeds and bread, deep and abiding growth and abundance in Christ, so your generosity brings deep and abiding hope to communities dealing with a disaster, providing water, supplies, shelter and support. Your generosity makes possible both short- and long-term care, sustaining communities throughout the recovery process and into new life.

Thank you for joining with the whole church, Lutheran Disaster Response and our local partners. Your gifts are bearing the love of Christ to many in need.

With gratefulness, The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal



Dear Trinity Lutheran Church

Thank you for your gift of \$500.00 to ELCA World Hunger. Acts 6 tells the story of the birth and expansion of the church at Pentecost: When the disciples were increasing in number, they selected from among themselves people full of the Spirit and of wisdom and appointed them to feed people who were hungry. They had the, stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

With your generosity to ELCA World Hunger, you stand full of the Spirit and of wisdom in the church's 2,000-year tradition of caring for neighbors in need. Thank you for your strong commitment to this signature ministry of the church. Receive in return our prayers for your ministry and our hands stretched out to you in blessing. Together we can go farther; together we will be transformed in the Spirit and in relationship with each other, our partners and communities around the world.

Until all are fed, The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church of Cyrus,

Thank you for donating \$6,000.00 to Feed My Starving Children on July 16, 2018 at the Morris, MN West Central Churches event! Your gift has provided 27272 nutritious meals to those who are desperate for food. Thank you for handling hope to them in Jesus' name.

The food funded through your donation provides a critical foundation for a child. It is the first step toward a hope-filled life for them and their families. They rely on you to provide MannaPack meals so they can focus on becoming self-reliant. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for hearing their cries and being a beacon of hope to God's kids.

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful." -Hebrews 10:23 Until all are fed, Mark Crea, Executive Director/CEO God bless you.

Dear Members:

On behalf of the Morris Area Schools, we would like to thank you for your support of the programs that we operate. Specifically, we greatly appreciate your donation \$774 towards the Food Service Angel Fund.

Without the generous support of your members, our school district would not be able to provide the same number of quality opportunities for students, staff, and community members.

Thank you for supporting the Morris Area School District.

With Appreciation, Rick Lahn, Superintendent

### **WHAT NOT TO FLUSH**

Sewer blockages are very serious and affect many sewer systems throughout the country. Cyrus is no exception. We have had several blockages that have caused damage and backups in homes in town. We need your help and we will try to help educate our residents on what should be flushed down your toilet. Remember that your toilet is not a trash can. "Flushable" wipes are ruining pipes everywhere. Flushable is a marketing gimmick, it will go down your toilet but it does not break down in the sewer system and causes plugs and damages the system. Please do not flush Dental floss, hair (Pet or human) hair wraps around other items and acts just like wire to cause plugs, medications, food, tampons, Kitty Litter, cigarette butts, shop towels, paper towels. Kleenex also does not break down. Another problem that we have seen is sheet rock mud. It ends up at the sewer plant like a soft ball. Please do not allow contractors or yourself to dump this down your sink or flush in the toilet. We should ONLY be flushing the 4P's" pee, poop, puke and toilet paper! Thank you for your help in this huge problem for cities everywhere. We don't want our residents to have to deal with sewage in their basements. This is not only a huge cost to cities but also to you the homeowner.

**Volunteers Needed** for 1<sup>st</sup> Responders, please call Bob at 320-333-1267 for info and questions.

# Trinity Lutheran Women

## Deborah Circle

Mon., Aug 13 @ 9:00 a.m.

Hostess:

Bible Study: from Gather

## Ruth Circle

Tues., Aug 21 @ 1:30 p.m.

Hostess:

Bible Study: from Gather

## Elizabeth Circle TBA

## Martha/Mary

Noon Circle – TBA

Night Circle – TBA



## Do Days

Tues and Wed 28 & 29.

Quilt making continues

As an ongoing project.

Cost of sending each

Quilt to LWR is \$2.50



## August Messenger Article

July 9 we welcomed Rose Wagner and several visitors from area churches to our annual salad supper. Rose shared some very interesting facts about bees and their importance to our eco system and the impact we have on their continuing existence.

I'm going to share a salad recipe that everyone seemed to like:

### FROZEN PEA SALAD

1 (16oz) pkg. frozen peas

1 ½ cups mayonnaise

1 cup celery, chopped

1 pkg. Hidden Valley Ranch

1 (8oz) can ripe olives, chopped

2 ½ cups Chinese noodles

1 can sliced water chestnuts

Put in bowl: peas, celery, olives, and chestnuts. Mix together mayonnaise and Hidden Valley. Add to above ingredients and refrigerate. Before serving add the noodles.

Thank you to Lois Ness and Linda Retzlaff for representing Trinity at the SWMN Synod WELCA Convention in St. Cloud the end of June. They took our 92 (8 boxes) Personal Care Kits, 5 boxes of Christian Literature, 3 boxes of Soles 4 Souls, and a box of socks and lip balm for the VA.

We are planning a brief general meeting with offering following church on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Plans for the Fall Glacial Ridge Gathering here at Trinity (Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>) will begin. If you can offer your talents for that event please come to the meeting. We'll have a signup sheet for the various jobs where we need workers.

Bring your school supplies to church before the packing date August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Clothing for LWR can be brought to the Do Day Rooms any time.

We are planning a Sparkhouse Family Book Fair in September. Books will be available for sale for children 0-12 years of age. Good chance for buying gifts for your little ones and grandchildren. Watch for dates and details in church bulletin.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!!! God Bless.

**+++ Worship +++**

**ACOLYTES AND BULLETIN FOLDERS**

- \* 5 Aidan Davis
- 12 Luke Joos
- 19 Payton Larson
- \* 26 David Lilienthal

	<b>MUSIC</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>COMMUNION SERVER</b>
August 5	Johanna Knorr	Johanna Knorr	Holly Rutter
August 12	The Hanse's	Deborah Campbell	
August 19	The Hanse's	Diane Hanse	
August 26	Scott Banta	Dennis Dahl	Denise or Tom Olson

**Sunday School children come at 9:10 am the morning they sing at worship**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday, August 5, Sunday, August 26

Communion Preparation Work Group 5 & 6

August 5 Karen Edlund, August 26 McKenna Amborn & Katie Jergenson have communion set up before the beginning of the service.

Ushers: Tim & Jodi Jergenson, Scott & Dena Carbert, Mike & Judy Loehr

Greeters:	Aug 5	Dan & Billie Osterman
	Aug 12	Allan & Julie Rutter
	Aug 19	Amy & Chris Richards
	Aug 26	Dennis & Linda Dahl

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Financial Status As of  
Jan 1—July 18, 2018**

	<u>Jan 1 - July 18, 2018</u>	<u>Budget</u>
General Income	98,014.30	105,609.68
Revolving Income	1,051.50	0.00
Miscellaneous Income	<u>726.89</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Income	<u>99,792.69</u>	105,609.68
Gross Profit	<u>99,792.69</u>	<u>105,609.68</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>99,792.69</u></b>	<b><u>105,609.68</u></b>

**MUSIC** We would like to welcome anyone interested in sharing God's message through special music in our service to please let the office know.

**August Birthdays**

1. Richard Barsness  
Vicky Brandt
2. Marty Sayre
4. Laurie Smith
5. Dustin Retzlaff  
Lisa Ness
6. Daniel Osterman
7. Ryan Rau  
Brecken Erickson
8. Cole Kannegiesser  
Terra Fassler  
Randy Gades  
Alexa Sellnar
11. Jodi Jergenson  
Alan Estenson  
Brayden Ness
14. Matthew Mickelson  
Mitchell Carbert

**Remember these people in your daily prayers**

15. Leo Barsness
16. Piper Elle Richards  
Judy Rau
18. Paula Amborn  
Tom Meyer
19. Brittney VanLuik
20. Donald Skogsatd  
Lisa Johnson  
Scott Banta
24. Jackson Gades
25. Betty Anderson  
Jaxen Graff
26. John Thompson
27. Keith Gades
29. Darrin Mithun
31. Hunter Gades  
Ashlynn Rieck



# August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30 Holly Ridge 10:30 MLH/Communion	2	3	4 4:00 Edlund Person Wedding
5 <b>Food Shelf Offering</b> 9:30 Worship/Communion 10:30 Fellowship Ladies General Meeting after Church	6	7 2:00 Cyrus Seniors	8 11:00 Skyview Plaza	9	10	11
12 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship School Kit Assembly after Worship 2-5 Open House 150 years of Hanse 's on the Farm 6:00 Worship Team	13 9:00 Deborah Circle	14	15	16 3:00 West Wind 6:30 Church Council	17	18
19 10:30 Scandi Service Potluck to follow	20 <b>Messenger Articles Due</b> 7:30 Gideons	21 1:30 Ruth Circle	22	23	24	25
26 <b>Luther Crest Offering</b> 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	27	28 <b>DO DAYS</b>	29 <b>DO DAYS</b> 6:00 Confirmation Orientation—Pizza	30	31	

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## **COFFEE SERVERS**

**August 5 Would you serve?**

**August 12 Would you serve?**

**August 19 Potluck at Scandia**

**August 26 Would you serve?**



### **Open House**

Celebrate 150 years of Hanse's on the farm

Sunday August 12, from 2-5 PM

3 Miles west and ½ mile north of Cyrus.